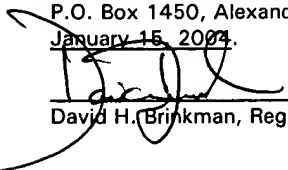




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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
2.        Small Entity status is claimed.  
  X   Other than a Small Entity.
3. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Extra	Present Rate	Fee	Present Rate	Fee
TOTAL	10	MINUS	20	= 0	x \$9	\$0	x \$18	\$0
INDEP.	2	MINUS	3	= 0	x \$42	\$0	x \$84	\$0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$135	\$0	+ \$270	\$0
TOTALS					TOTAL FEE	\$0	TOTAL FEE	\$0

- ☆ If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
- ☆☆ If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
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The "Highest Number Previously Paid for" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

  X   No additional fee for claims is required.

4. Attached is a check in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-3000 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

5. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply.

Complete (a) or (b) as applicable.

(a)   X   Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:



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	Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
<u>X</u>	one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
—	two months	\$ 420.00	\$210.00
—	three months	\$ 950.00	\$475.00
—	four months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00

X Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-3000 in the amount of \$110.00 for the one month extension fee as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c).

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

— An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid thereof of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. Extension fee due with this request \$\_\_\_\_\_.

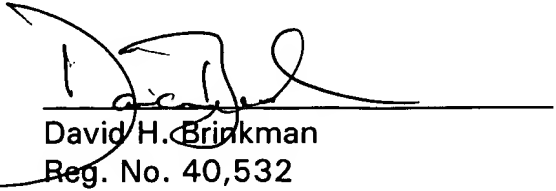
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(b) — Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

XX If any additional fee for claims or extension of time is required, charge Deposit Account No. 23-3000. A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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